



## Washington State Patrol Media Release

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### **WSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers Basic Training Class Graduates**

At a ceremony held in the Legislative Capitol Building today, 12 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEO) will graduate from the CVEO Basic Training Class held at the Washington State Patrol Training Academy.

The 12 officers completed 11 weeks of CVEO basic training that started on February 11, 2008. The graduates from this CVEO basic training class will have the honors of being the first CVEO class in the history of the Washington State Patrol to go through the Commercial Vehicle training process that include firearms training.

"We look forward to having these 12 new Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers join with our other commercial vehicle officers, and troopers, to enforce the rules for truck safety on our highways," said Washington State Patrol Chief John R. Batiste.

To complete CVEO Basic Training the officers had to complete 80 hours of Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) training which focused on driver and vehicle documentation requirements, truck and load inspections. They also completed 40 hours of CVSA training on the use of fixed and portable scales for truck size, weight and load. The graduating class had to complete 80 hours of firearms training along with 20 hours of Defensive Tactics training. The graduates spent 40 hours of field training at WSP Scale houses throughout the state.

Other law enforcement agencies from Washington State also sent officers to the CVSA training on the use of fixed and portable scales for truck size, weight and load. Each of these officers had to meet the same academic standards required by the WSP Training Academy to pass CVEO Basic Training Class.

Along with the Washington State Patrol, the following law enforcement agencies are represented in the today's graduating class:

Lakewood Police Department	King County Sheriff Department
Newport Police Department	Roy Police Department
Maple Valley Police Department	Tacoma Police Department

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*The Commercial Vehicle Division Mission Statement: "We, the Commercial Vehicle Division, through education and enforcement, ensure compliance with commercial motor vehicle registrations to protect resources, prevent collisions, and save lives".*